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St. Paul's RiverCentre has a new addition, and it will hopefully save them energy and money.

St. Paul's Mayor Chris Coleman and Congresswoman Betty McCollum helped to unveil the largest solar thermal installation in the Midwest.

More than 140 solar thermal collectors covering the area of about half of a football field on the RiverCentre roof will generate hot water for space heating and hot water inside RiverCentre. Any excess energy will be contributed to the downtown area. Officials say the installation will be nearly a 1,000 kilowatt system.

A \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy paid for the project, along with funds from District Energy St. Paul.